

Man attacked girlfriend after accusing her of stealing from his pocket when he stripped for sex

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A DRUGGED-UP man attacked his girlfriend after accusing her of stealing from his pocket when he had stripped naked for sex, a court heard.

Mohammed Nadeem, 39, pursued his victim downstairs and punched her twice in the head because he suspected she had snatched the shop takings he was looking after for a friend.

The woman, who was taking drugs with him at an address in Lapage Street, Bradford Moor, Bradford, ran out of the house screaming and accused him of rape.

Bradford Crown Court was told yesterday that Nadeem, of Amberley Street, Leeds Road, Bradford, spent months remanded in custody before he was cleared of the rape charge on the direction of the trial judge.

He pleaded guilty to causing the woman actual bodily harm on February 16 this year and was jailed for nine months.

Prosecutor Tim Capstick said Nadeem had met the woman just a couple of days earlier.

They were watching television at the house, which was not her home address, when they fell out.

During a heated row, he accused her of stealing money from his clothing after he had undressed for sex.

"She was tripped up and lost consciousness in the violence. She then ran screaming from the house and said she had been raped," Mr Capstick told the court.

The woman suffered abrasions and bruising to her neck.

Nadeem told the police he was naked and taking drugs when she took the money that was hanging out of his pocket.

Mr Capstick said no cash was found on the victim or in the house when the police searched for it, suggesting that the woman was innocent of the theft allegation.

Nadeem, who defended himself from the dock, insisted she tried to run off with the money. He said he grabbed her hair and accidentally caught her in the eye.

She fell on the stairs and he went on to punch her twice to the side of the head when she threatened to stab him.

Nadeem said he had no convictions for violence. He was afraid the homeless woman, who had taken him to a drug user's house, was about to attack him.

He said he had lived for months in prison with the false allegation of rape hanging over him.

Judge Jonathan Rose said Nadeem would be very soon out of jail, having been held in custody since he committed the assault offence.

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